



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE  
OLYMPIC WELL FIELD RESTORATION AND ARCADIA WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT**

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OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given of the completion and availability of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Olympic Well Field Restoration and Arcadia Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project (Project) located in the City of Santa Monica (City). The MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In compliance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, the City has prepared this Notice of Intent to inform responsible agencies and other interested parties about the City's intent to adopt an MND for the Project.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Olympic Well Field Restoration and Arcadia Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Santa Monica

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project includes three primary components: (1) Olympic Well Field Restoration located in the City of Santa Monica; (2) the Olympic Pipeline located within the cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles; and (3) the Olympic Advanced Water Treatment Facility (AWTF), co-located at the existing Arcadia WTP in the City of Los Angeles, and the Arcadia Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Expansion. The Arcadia WTP encompasses a 209,957 square foot (4.8-acre) parcel located at 1228 South Bundy Drive in the City of Los Angeles, and the adjacent 0.24-acre property that would be used for staging construction equipment. The Olympic Well Field is located generally along the alignment of Olympic Boulevard southwest of Centinela Avenue and northeast of Cloverfield Boulevard. The locations for the proposed groundwater production wells SM-8 and SM-9, and the proposed groundwater injection well SM-10i, are within the public right-of-way median of Olympic Boulevard. The proposed groundwater injection well SM-11i would be located at the eastern end of Ishihara Park, located at 2909 Exposition Park in Santa Monica. The proposed Olympic Pipeline would connect to an existing pipeline within Nebraska Avenue to the Arcadia WTP. The pipeline alignment and associated trenching would be entirely contained within City-owned property and within publicly-owned right-of-way within the cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project aims to enhance sustainability of the City of Santa Monica's water supply through developing alternative water supplies and expanding local groundwater supplies within sustainable yield limits, to reduce The City's reliance on imported water.

The Project would restore the Olympic Well Field's pumping capacity, expand local groundwater production, and thereby reduce imported water supplies. The Olympic Well Field Restoration component involves the well completion activities associated with equipping two new injection wells (SM-10i and SM-11i) and two domestic groundwater production wells (SM-8 and SM-9), and the abandonment of well SM-3, in the Olympic Well Field. This component includes lateral pipeline connections from the groundwater production wells to existing pipelines, which would then connect to the proposed Olympic Pipeline. The extracted groundwater would be conveyed via a new dedicated Olympic Pipeline. The Olympic Pipeline component involves construction of approximately 6,500 feet of new 16-inch water transmission pipeline to convey the produced water from the Olympic Well Field to the proposed Olympic AWTF (co-located at the Arcadia WTP).

The Olympic AWTF involves a new treatment facility specifically designed to treat contaminated groundwater from the Olympic Well Field. Additionally, the existing Arcadia WTP would be upgraded and expanded to increase capacity to handle the additional flows from the Olympic AWTF as well as additional production of potable water from leveraging new technologies to enhance production efficiency. Upgrades to the Arcadia WTP involve an innovative Reverse Osmosis (RO) concentrate treatment technology to increase production efficiency and produce additional potable water supplies while reducing concentrate discharges to the sewer system. Upon Project completion, the overall raw water treatment capacity of the Arcadia WTP would be expanded from approximately 10 million gallons per day (mgd) or 11,300 acre-feet per year (acre-feet/yr) to approximately 13 mgd, or 14,700 acre-feet/yr.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** In recognition of the COVID19 pandemic, the City will provide an extended 60 day public review period exceeding the minimum 30 days specified by the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15073. The public review period for the MND will commence on **July 6, 2020** and will conclude on **September 4, 2020**. The City welcomes agency and public comments on the document during this period. Any comments on the MND must be received within the public review period, **by 5:30 p.m. on September 4, 2020**. Please submit comments to Mr. Omeed Pour at 1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 15, Santa Monica, California 90401, or via email to omeed.pour@smgov.net.

**AVAILABILITY OF MND:** The MND may be viewed online at:

<https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PublicWorks/ContentCivEng.aspx?id=9673>

**ESPAÑOL:** Este es una noticia de un estudio preliminar y declaración negativa sobre un proyecto de pozo para el agua y la construcción de un tubería y una planta de tratamiento de agua. Para más información, llame a Margaret Talamantes, al número (310) 458-8721.